GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - Agriculture Department – Disciplinary action initiated against Sri M.S.D.V.K. Prasad, Jr. Asst. and 3 others O/o. ADA (R), Sathenapalli, Guntur dist u/r 20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 read with under common proceedings u/r 24 of A.P.C.S. (CC&A) Rules, 1991 - For the irregularities committed by mis-appropriation of Government funds - Appointment of Inquiry Officer under rule 20 (2) and Presenting Officer under rule 20 (5) (c) of A.P.C.S. (CC&A) Rules, 1991 – Orders – Issued.

AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 213 **Dated: 10-04-2017**

Read the following;-

1. From the C&DA, Hyd. Lr.No.Vig.II(2)82/13, dated:14-04-2015.
2. The JDA,Guntur in RC.No.Estt.II/173/2013,dated:03-02-2014.
3. Govt Memo.No 3197/Vig.1.1/2015,date:9.10.2015.
4. G.O.Rt.No.720 of A&C(Vig.1)Dept,Date:9.10.2016.
5. G.O.Rt.No.721 of A&C(Vig.1)Dept,Date:9.10.2016.
6. G.O.Rt.No.722 of A&C(Vig.1)Dept,Date:9.10.2016.
7. G.O.Rt.No.726 of A&C(Vig.1)Dept,Date:9.10.2016.
8. Explanations of the C.Os. received through C&DA, Guntur, vide Lr.No. Vig.II(2)82/13, dated:11.11.2016.

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ORDER:-

Whereas an inquiry under rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 is being held against Sri I. Murali, ADA, Sri A.V.S.Sastry, ADA(i/c), Sri N. Venkateswarlu, ADA and Sri MSDVK Prasad, Jr. Asst, formerly worked at O/o. ADA(R), Sathenapalli, Guntur District.

2. And, whereas the Government consider that an Inquiring Authority should be appointed to inquire into the charges framed vide G.Os.4th to 7th read above against Charged Officers mentioned in the para-1 above. After considering the written statement of defences submitted by them in the ref. 8th read above.

3. Now, therefore, the Government in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-rule (2) of Rule 20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 hereby appoint Sri V.D.V.Krupadas, Joint Director of Agriculture, Guntur District, as the Inquiring Authority to inquire into the charges framed against the above said Government servants vide reference 4th to 7th read above.

4. And, whereas, the Government consider, it necessary to appoint a Presenting Officer to present the case on behalf of the Government in support of the article of charges against the said Government servants before the Inquiring Authority.

5. Now, therefore, the Government in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-rule (5) (c) of rule 20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991, hereby appoint the Asst Director of Agriculture (Reg) O/o. ADA, Sathenapalli, Guntur District as the Presenting Officer to present the case on behalf of the Government in support of the articles of charge against the said Government servants before the Inquiring Authority.

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6. The Inquiring Authority so appointed shall complete the inquiry and furnish the inquiry report to Government within a period of 2 months without further extension.

(**BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)**

B.RAJASEKHAR
SEPCIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Sri VDV Krupadas, JDA, Guntur and Inquiry Authority, O/o. JDA, Guntur
The Asst. Director of Agriculture, (Reg) and P.O. O/o. ADA, Sathenapally, Guntur district .
The individuals concerned through Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur.
The Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur (with a request to take further action).
Copy to The Secretary, APVC,Sectt.Bldgs
SF/SCs.

//FORWARDED BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER

Annexure-*I*

Statement of articles of Charge framed against Sri V. Sridhar, the then Joint Director of Agriculture, Guntur district.

Article:-I

"That the said Sri V. Sridhar, the then Joint Director of Agriculture, Guntur district, while functioning as J.D.A., Guntur during the Kharif 2014 in the Dist has failed to comply with the operation guidelines prescribed in FCO 1985 during the kharif season, 2014 to monitor the dealer outlets in Vinukonda Division with a view to secure smooth supplies, movement and distribution of Fertilisers. He also failed to produce information to the Squad Team at the time of inspection i.e. rake wise allotment of fertilizers made to the dealers and Markfed approved by the District Collector. He also failed to communicate allotment copies of fertilizers to all the divisional ADAs, leading to failure in monitoring the sale and distribution of fertilisers at MRPs to the farmers and also leading to monopoly of few wholesalers in the District.

Thus, he was negligent in discharging his duties and not devoted to duty in violation of the provisions of Rule-3 of A.P.C.S. (Conduct) Rules, 1964".

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SPL. CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVT

Annexure-II

Statement of imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in support of the articles of charge framed against Sri V.Sridhar, the then Joint Director of Agriculture, Guntur

That Sri V. Sridhar, while functioning in the aforesaid office, as per the orders of the Commissioner and Director of Agriculture, A.P., Hyderabad a team of six members from the O/o. C&DA,A.P., Hyderabad have proceeded to Vinukonda Division, Guntur District from 12th to 14th November, 2014 for conduct of inspections of fertiliser dealer outlets.

The following dealer premises and connected godowns were inspected by the team along with the local MAO and ADA(R) Vinukonda.

1. Rama Krishna Traders, 2. Venkata Ramana Traders, 3. Pasupathi Fertilisers, 4. Ravi Traders, 5.Lakshmi Sai Traders, 6. Universal Traders, 7. Lakshmi Venkata Srinivasa Traders, 8. Sri Vasavi Traders, 9. Lalitha Traders, 10. Sri Srinivasa Fertilisers and Pesticides , 11. Sai Krishna Traders, 12. Guntur District Cooperative Marketing Societyand 13.PACS,Savalyapuram and Nuzendla.

Godown Points:

1. Lakshmi Sri Prasannanjaneya Fertilisers,2. Sri Sai Fertilisers and Pesticides, 3. Sri Lakshmi Sai Traders, 4. Sri Prasannanjeneya Fertilisers, 5. Lakshmi Narasimha Manure Depot. 6. Pasupathy Fertilisers, 7. Saraswathi Fertilisers, 8. Vasavi Traders, 9. Vankateswara Fertilisers and 10.Rama Krishna Traders.

The Inspection team observed the following specific lapses:

- The District Administration has failed to comply with the operational guidelines issued with a view to secure smooth supplies, movement and distribution of fertilizers which is major violation on the part of District Administration.

- The team has requested the JDA, Guntur to provide the details of rake wise allotment of fertilisers made to the dealers and MARKFED duly signed by the District Collector, but the JDA, Guntur has not provided to the team during the inspection.

- APMARKFED and GDCMS, Guntur are supplying stocks to the private dealers which is a clear contravention of operational guidelines;

- This has also led to monopoly of few wholesalers resulting in more than two intermediate transactions hence, resulting in sale of Urea at over and above the MRPs.

Therefore, it is evident that Sri V. Sridhar, JDA who is working at that time in Guntur Dist shown gross negligence in his duties which attracts violation of Rule-3 of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964

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Annexure-III

List of documents by which articles of charge framed against Sri V.Sridhar, the then Joint Director of Agriculture, Guntur district presently working as JDA (Extension) O/o. Dir of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur is proposed to be sustained.

1. Inspection Report of Squad team dt.17.11.2014 O/o. Dir of Agriculture, A.P., Hyderabad

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Annexure-IV

List of witness by which article of charge framed against Sri V.Sridhar, the then Joint Director of Agriculture, Guntur district presently working as JDA (Extension) O/o. Dir of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur is proposed to be sustained.

1. As per Inspection report dt.17.11.2014 of Squad team, O/o. Dir of Agriculture, A.P., Hyderabad.

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Section officer.